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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-20, 22 and 24-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-20, 22 and 24-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 15, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,202,206 to Dean et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,867,713 to Shrader et al.

- a. AS per claims 15, 20 and 22, Dean et al teaches a method for distribution of application programs to a target station on a network comprising the steps executed on a centralized network management server coupled to the network of: providing an application program to be distributed to the network management server (See col. 2, lines 50-67); preparing a file packet associated with the application program and including a segment configured to initiate registration operations for the application program at the target station (See col. 5, lines 25-40); and distributing the file packet to the target station (see col. 2, lines 50-67). However, Dean et al fails to teach specifying a source directory and a target directory for distribution of the application program.

Shrader et al teaches an installation plan object for installing applications in a network. Furthermore, Shrader et al teaches specifying a source directory and a target directory for distribution of the application program (See col. 2, lines 59-67) col. 17 lines 45-61).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate specifying a source directory and a target directory for distribution of the application program as taught by Shrader et al in order to determine if the file directories and files objects are valid and accessible on the network (See col. 2, lines 61-62).

3. Claims 16-17, 24-25 and 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,202,206 to Dean et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,867,713 to Shrader et al as applied to claim 15, 20 and 22 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,996,012 to Jarriel.

a. As per claims 16, 24 and 28, Dean et al in view of Shrader et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. However, Dean et al in view of Shrader et al fails to wherein the network management server is a Tivoli. server.

Jarriel teaches wherein the network management server is a Tivoli server (See col. 1, lines 12-35).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein the network management server is a Tivoli ser as taught by Jarriel in the claimed invention of Dean et al in view of Shrader et al in order to permit remote site management and operation (See col. 1, lines 12-35).

b. As per claim 17, 25 and 29, Dean et al in view of Shrader et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Dean et al teaches wherein the segment configured

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to initiate registration operations includes an import data file and a call to an import program executing on the target station (See col. 2, lines 50-67).

4. Claims 18-19, 26-27 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,202,206 to Dean et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,867,713 to Shrader et al as further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,996,012 to Jarriel and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,611,498 to Baker et al.

a. As per claims 18, 26 and 30, Dean et al in view of Shrader teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Dean et al teaches wherein the segment configured to initiate registration operations includes a variable field into which the target station inserts its identification during registration operations (See col. 8, lines 1-12 and figures 18 and 19). However, Dean et al fails to teach wherein the application program is registered based on a Universal Resource Locator (URL) address accessible to a browser application and wherein the segment configured to initiate registration operations includes a variable field into which the target station inserts its identification during registration operations.

Baker et al teaches wherein the application program is registered based on a Universal Resource Locator (URL) address accessible to a browser application and wherein the segment configured to initiate registration operations includes a variable field into which the target station inserts its identification during registration operations (See col. 14, lines 22-41).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to incorporate wherein the application program is registered based on a Universal Resource

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Locator (URL) address accessible to a browser application and wherein the segment configured to initiate identification during registration operations as taught by Baker et al in the claimed invention of Dean et al in view of Shrader et al in order to simplify the enterprise burden by limiting the client development side to screen layouts and data presentation tools that use a common interface enabled by the web browser (See col. 2, lines 50-57).

b. As per claim 19, 26 and 31, Dean et al teaches distributing comprises the step of distributing the file packet to a plurality of target stations each having an identification which may be inserted into the variable field at the target station (See col. 8, lines 1-12 and figures 18 and 19).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent No. 5,919,247 to Van Hoff et al teaches a method for the distribution of code and data updates.

U.S. Patent No. 6,131,112 to Lewis et al teaches a method and apparatus for integrated network and system management.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Djenane M Bayard whose telephone number is (703) 305-6606.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM-4:30 PM.

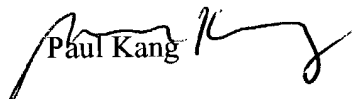
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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